## **Deborah.Easterling**

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From:

Deborah.Easterling

Sent:

Monday, August 27, 2012 3:11 PM

To: Subject:

'Isharper@comporium.net' RE: Protest Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Harper,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email and Letter of Protest to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email and Letter of Protest will become a part of Docket No. 2012-177-WS and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling Administrative Assistant

----Original Message----

From: <a href="mailto:lsharper@comporium.net">lsharper@comporium.net</a>]

Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2012 10:21 AM

To: PSC\_Contact

Subject: Protest Rate Increase

See attached, Larry Harper Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210



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Email form to: contact@psc.sc.gov

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Letter of Protest

Date: * 8/26/2012		in Docket			<u></u>	
Protestant Information:						
Name *	Larry Harper					
Mailing Address *	25030 Riley Lane					
City, State Zip *	Tega Cay	, <u>sc</u>	29708	Phone *	980-722-5639	
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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of the company seeking a rate increase.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am against the proposed rate increase. While serving on City Council the condition of the system has been protested by many citizens numerous times over the last 15 years. To date I am not aware of any significant improvements that were made for a system that continues to have environmental issues. It is a fact that this system here in Tega Cay cannot be expanded and Utilities Inc. solicited buyers some years ago. This suggests that it is not of significant value to the company with regards to other systems owned, and possibly not worth investing in major renovations.

The amount of increase proposed would put a burden on customers already faced with a weak economy and is by far excessive. I would think the commission would require a plan showing how any rate increase money would be used to improve the system, if granted.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*

No